



21 DAYS OF PRAYER

PRAYING
the
NAMES
of
GOD



DEVOTION

Church Family,

Thank you for joining us in this 21 Days of Prayer. We pray that this devotional booklet will serve as a source of encouragement and blessing during your time with the Lord. Each devotion is designed to guide you deeper into your relationship with God, reflecting on His many names and attributes.

In addition to contributions from our pastoral team, we are excited to share devotions written by several members of our church family. Each individual was carefully selected by the pastoral team and assigned a specific name of God to write about. These devotions were written under the guidance and supervision of our pastoral staff, to enrich your time in prayer. Please keep in mind that these devotions are not meant to be authoritative or instructional, but rather to encourage and uplift you as you reflect on the character of God. We hope that these reflections will bless you, helping you focus your heart on prayer and drawing you closer to our Savior.



Throughout this 21 Days of Prayer guide, you will notice these three symbols at the end of each daily devotion. They are reminders and tools to help you get the most out of your time with the Lord.



Is there something new I learned?
How is God calling me to think differently?



How is God reordering my affections?
- What do I love?



What is God calling me to do as a result of this devotion?

Each of these devotions may not speak to all of these symbols, but they are useful tools to assist you in being open to how the Holy Spirit may want to speak into your life. After each devotion, you will see all three of these symbols. Ponder each one before you end your time with the Lord.

November 6th

ABBA

Romans 8:15

Abba is not a name we use often in our vocabulary, but what does it mean? It means "Father." But if Abba means "Father," why does it say "father" in English too? Maybe it is simply saying that God the Father is now "our Father." Wow, what a comforting thought!

I cannot imagine what it would be like to be fatherless or to be abandoned by my father. Unfortunately, many know that as a reality. Well, here is the good news: At the beginning of the verse, he tells us we don't have to live in fear. Why? Because we have been adopted by God the Father and we can now call him "our Father!"

To be adopted means several things: 1) I will never be alone or abandoned again! 2) I have a new family of brothers and sisters in Christ. 3) The Spirit affirms in me constantly that I am God's child. 8:16 4) I receive all the benefits of being in God's family. 8:17 5) I have a future home where I will be with my Father for eternity!

Spend some time today thanking God for adopting you!

- Pastor Chad



November 7th

ELOHIM

Exodus 3:13-14

The first name for God used in the Bible is ELOHIM, mentioned over 30 times in Genesis 1 alone. The root of Elohim is "El," which means mighty or strong (Deuteronomy 10:17; Genesis 17:1). It signifies governing power, omnipotence, and sovereignty. Some theologians have suggested that Elohim's origin is the word "Alah," which means "to declare" or "to swear," signifying God as the one who keeps His covenant (1 Kings 8:23).

Throughout Scripture, God (Elohim) makes covenants with man, putting Himself in covenant with man. Elohim made a covenant with Noah (Genesis 6:18; 9:15-16), Abraham (Genesis 15:18; 17:2), Israel (Exodus 2:24-25), and with believers today (1 Corinthians 11:25) – in salvation (John 10:28), prayer (John 16:23), forgiveness (1 John 1:9), and more!

Elohim comes to us as the One who is strong and mighty enough to keep the covenant He has made. He declares in Leviticus 26:12, "I will walk among you, and will be your God, [Elohim]." Scripture declares our response in Psalm 91:2, "I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; [Elohim] in him will I trust."

- Pastor Micah



November 8th

—JEHOVAH-NISSI—

Do you know what warships, advancing armies, and houses of parliament all have in common? Since ancient days, banners or flags have been used by these types of entities to signal who they belong to, who they serve, and who protects them. Even the Israelites, as they traveled through the wilderness, walked in military divisions beneath their family banner and were easily identified by friends or foes by their banner overhead.

In Exodus 17, the Israelites were at war with Amalek, and as Moses stood on the hilltop watching the battle, he lifted his hands and staff toward heaven, and God gave the Israelites victory. It was there that Moses built an altar of thanksgiving and introduced us to Jehovah Nissi, God is My Banner. Moses was waving the victory flag that the enemy might know - they belonged to God.

As believers in Christ, we, too, belong to God. When we pray, we engage the enemy under the Banner of God. We can pray with courage and boldness because the enemy doesn't see us, he sees our Banner. Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God (Psalm 20:7).

- Jodi Sewall



November 9th

— IMMANUEL —

Isaiah 7:14

This prophecy in Isaiah was fulfilled with the birth of Christ, as mentioned in Matthew 1:21-23. Immanuel means "God with us."

God... Think for a minute about the fact that there is a God (Psalm 18:1-3) and that only a fool would object otherwise (Psalm 14:1).

With... This is the strongest possible form of this preposition. It depicts a forging or bonding. Charles Spurgeon once likened this as a riveting – even a cleaving. The creator God has joined himself to us (see John 1:14).

Us – That is you and me. The force of "with" really helps us now in our understanding.

Are you alone? I have good news for you - God is with you. Are you weary? Embrace the reality that God is with you. Are you full of sorrow? Lift up your eyes to the One who is with you. Are you approaching death? Know that your Father is with you.

I am grateful that God promises to be with me, a name we often celebrate at Christmas time. Yet, the most beautiful gift of God is with us all year long.

- Pastor Micah



November 10th

ADONAI

**Genesis 15:1-6; Ezekiel 16:8b; Colossians 1:16;
Exodus 3:14**

Whether we want to admit it or not, we all wrestle with authority. We are all rebels at heart, some of us just do a better job of disguising it. There are many firsts mentioned in the opening six verses of chapter 15 of Genesis. The greatest of these is when we see the name Lord God-Adonai. Abraham is acknowledging God's rule, His supreme and sovereign authority not only in the universe but over his own life.

Living as a disciple of Christ is to live with the constant reality that we are "not our own," as Paul says in First Corinthians chapter 6. We have been "bought with a price." Our redemption is a reminder that, because of what Christ has done for us, we belong uniquely to God. He is over us, and we are under His rule and reign; we are to live lives of submission and service.

When we call God Adonai, we are acknowledging both His leadership and His ownership as our Lord, Master, and Ruler. God's good and gracious hand is on us and over us. This causes us to live with gratitude and a grateful heart. Friend, because we belong to God we can live each day knowing He is watching over us, we are His child, and we can enjoy and embrace His promises, protection, peace, and provision.

- Pastor Todd



November 11th

— EL GIBHOR —

If you have not yet discovered it, I trust that by the end of these 21 days of prayer, it will have become very apparent to you, that prayer implies weakness. As we focus on the names of God during this season of concentrated prayer we come to the name El Gihbor. Gihbor is the exact opposite of weakness. It means mighty! While this word is found over 150 times in the Bible it's only referenced as a name of God once. Isaiah writes, "And the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty (gihbor) God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace." - Isaiah 9.6

What does all this have to do with prayer? As stated earlier prayer implies weakness, in specific the weakness of the petitioner. That's us! However, the One to whom we make our petitions is El Gihbor, the Mighty God. It's His power, His wisdom, His understanding, His knowledge, His grace & His mercy that converge to bear on our circumstances, our requests & most profoundly our hearts.

So the next time you begin your time of communion with God remember while we are weak & our prayers frail the One to whom we pray to is mighty! He is mighty to save!

- Eric Mendez



November 12th

MA'ON

Psalm 90:1

Ma'on (Ma-own) doesn't exactly roll off the tongue, but it means Our Dwelling Place. If you read the full passage, 1-17, you would find it deals quite a bit with the topic of time. But what does time have to do with God being Our Dwelling Place?" As this psalm establishes, man's time on this earth is in limited supply. The wisest thing we can do with our time is to spend it in God's presence! There are several things to praise God for that pertain to us dwelling with Him:

- 1) God actually allows us to know Him and come near His presence! v.1
- 2) God tells us how long we can expect to live. So, make sure that your life is counting for what matters most! v.9-12
- 3) God satisfies us here on earth! We don't have to look to empty substitutes. v.14
- 4) God's favor will be upon those who dwell with Him, and He will establish their work. v.17

Run to God today and spend some special time in His dwelling place. Spend time praising Him from Psalm 90, and by using these four prompts.

- Pastor Chad



November 13th

—JEHOVAH SHAMMAH—

In Matthew 14, we recount the story of Jesus sending the disciples out in a boat on the Sea of Galilee. During the night, the boat was being pounded by the wind and waves. When the disciples saw Jesus coming towards them, walking on the water, it terrified them. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!" But Jesus immediately spoke to them and said, "Don't be afraid. Take courage. I am here."

Florida and the states to our north have just gone through Hurricane Helene, and then again through Hurricane Milton in Florida. We experienced fear of the wind, water, and unknown dangers. Many people are still suffering from the damage and tremendous loss. Our hearts sincerely go out to them. Some of us have loved ones who were in the hardest hit areas. Our only comfort and hope during this time was knowing Jehovah Shammah – "The Lord is There."

As the children of God we have confidence knowing that, like the disciples, Jesus has assured us that He is with us, and to take courage and not be afraid. Whatever the storm we face, we are given a foundational truth in God's Word.

- Faith Brooks



November 14th

— ALPHA & OMEGA —

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Revelation 22:13

Alpha is the first letter of the Greek alphabet and Omega is the last. Each time that this phrase is used God is in the process of reminding the reader of His imminent return. It is used as a comfort and assurance of justice to those who are suffering for doing what is right and as a warning to those who think and act as if they answer to no one.

Alpha defines Christ as everlasting which tells us that He has no beginning. It establishes Him as the originator of all of life and our salvation. It reveals that He is the pre-eminent part of life and that life only has meaning when our love for Him is at the center of our hearts, minds, and actions.

Omega emphasizes Christ's 'absolute limitlessness to meet all the needs of His finite people' 1 It reminds us that He has a plan that He is executing one step at a time until His purposes reach the ending point that He intended. What an encouragement and incentive to our hearts to take all that concerns us to our loving and limitless Savior in prayer!

- Amy Bush



November 15th

EL ROI

In Genesis 16:13-14, we find the Egyptian slave Hagar. Hagar had an encounter with God in the desert. She addressed God as El Roi which means, "The God Who Sees Me." Hagar's God is the same God who we serve today. The same God who knows our circumstances just as He knew Hagar's. Our God knows every detail of our past, present, and future. David tells us in Psalm 33:18-20, that the Lord keeps His eye on those who trust in Him for salvation, to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in the most difficult times. As believers, we wait for the Lord who is our help and our protector. King Solomon states in Proverbs 15:3 that God also keeps his eye on the good and the evil of this world. God warns us in Psalm 90:8 that even our secret sins cannot be hidden from Him and again in Jeremiah 23:24 we are reminded by the Lord that there is nowhere to hide from God. The good news is that God is in control. Nothing escapes his attention. We are safe in His hands. John 10:28-29.

- Tom Adams



November 16th

EL DEAH

I Samuel 2:3

El Deah (day-aw) is not a name we typically use, but it means "The God of Knowledge." We find this unique name in the story of Hannah. Hannah was provoked to bitterness by another woman because she couldn't have a child. Hannah prays a conditional prayer before the Lord that if He would give her a son, she would give him to the Lord for all the days of his life. After she cried out to God, He graciously gave her a son named, Samuel.

Hannah then pens a song to the Lord (1-10) of thanksgiving and praise for providing Samuel. In v.3, she seemingly responds to this woman who provoked her about being childless: "Talk no more exceeding proudly. . ." Why? Because God is "The God of Knowledge."

God knows your heart, and He knows my heart. No matter what other people do or say to me or against me, God knows everything, and I can simply run to Him and trust Him. Maybe today, instead of trying to take matters into our own hands, we should run to The God of Knowledge and ask Him to intervene on our behalf.

- Pastor Chad



November 17th

— JEHOVAH ROHI —

Psalm 23; Psalm 80:1; 95:7; Isaiah 40:11; Ezekiel 34:12

When you spend any amount of time around sheep, one thing becomes abundantly clear: sheep need a shepherd. Sheep are naturally fearful. Sheep lack the ability to care for themselves and they are unable to defend themselves. Sheep often wander off from the flock and find themselves in trouble. Suffice it to say, that sheep are not the smartest animals. The bible compares us to sheep, not very encouraging, I know.

HowEver, the blessing is, that as believers we have a shepherd and not just any shepherd! We have The Good Shepherd, He dealt with the penalty of sin. As the Great Shepherd, He deals with the power of sin. As the Chief Shepherd, He's coming to take us from the very presence of sin.

Jesus is our all-sufficient shepherd who watches over us, walks beside us, and who went into the valley of death for us, so that all we would ever experience is the shadow of death. His sheep know His voice and through His Spirit, every sheep in God's pasture lives with His abiding presence. He will never leave us or forsake us! We never have to doubt His care, we rest in His unconditional love, and we are comforted by His unchanging character.

- Pastor Todd



November 18th

EL CHAY

Have you ever wondered if God was listening when you prayed? Have you ever questioned if God was aware of your circumstances? Have you ever doubted that God would actually do what He said He would do?

El Chay in Hebrew means **the living God**. **El Chay** Himself is the maker of heaven and earth, the source of life, and the one Who holds all things together. This name sets God apart from any false gods or manmade idols, those which have ears that cannot hear our heart's prayers, eyes that cannot see our needs, mouths that cannot offer comfort and guidance, nor power to intercede on our behalf.

We can see examples of God's children calling on **El Chay** throughout scripture. Daniel is thrown into the lion's den for not praying to King Darius. Joshua led the Israelites to the Promised Land as they walked through the Jordan River on dry ground. And then the battle between the Philistines (represented by Goliath) and the Israelites (represented by David). A shepherd boy heard Goliath's challenge, accepted it, confronted him, and killed him...in the name of the living and true God, **El Chay**.

- Mike Bush



November 19th

— JEHOVAH TSIDKENU —

The prophet Jeremiah foretold a day when God would raise up a righteous branch who would reign as king, dealing wisely and executing justice and righteousness (Jer. 23:5). This coming one would be called "The Lord is Our Righteousness" (Jer. 23:6). Centuries later, the Apostle Paul identified Jesus Christ with this prophecy and special name (1 Cor. 1:30).

Apart from Jesus, we have no righteousness. Any claim to righteousness without Him is self-deception. This truth is central to our understanding of the Gospel. While many of us recognize our sinfulness, a lingering sense of self-righteousness can still creep in. The solution is not self-deprecation but to continually look to Jesus as our source of righteousness and to praise Him for His imputed righteousness to us. Essentially, we worship!

Today, take time to praise the Lord for declaring you righteous (justification) and ask Him to reveal areas in your life that need to be transformed (sanctification). Recognizing that our righteousness is found only in Christ should humble us, making us aware of our desperate need for Him because apart from Him, we can do nothing (Jn. 15:5).

- Pastor Nathan



November 20th

— JEHOVAH TSURI —

Rock - A solid foundation, a secure place of refuge, boy, have we needed that recently!

When our hearts and minds are troubled, troubles within, troubles without, God is our solid Rock, the One we can trust and dwell in safely (Psalms 61 & 62). Isaiah 26:3 & 4 instruct us "You (God) will keep in perfect peace all who trust in You, all whose thoughts are fixed on You. Trust in the LORD always; for the LORD GOD is the eternal Rock." Peace, yes, that is what our hearts long for and what God has given us in Christ. Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; ... Let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid." But how do we experience that peace?

We daily spend time with our God, our Rock, worshipping Him, (Psalms 145, Eph. 5:19 & 20), seeking Him, (Jeremiah 29:13, 33:3), meditating on His Word (Psalms 119), abiding in Him, (John 15) and then claiming His promises (Phil. 4:19, Heb. 13:5b)

In a world filled with troubles, our place of refuge and peace is in our God, Jehovah Tsur!

- Robin Bell



November 21st

— JEHOVAH-SHALOM —

Judges 6:1-24

Gideon lived in a time when Israel, because of their disobedience, had no peace. The Midianites had overrun the land. They carried away their crops and livestock. We, too, live in a world that is devoid of peace. Wars rage all around us. Natural disasters, like hurricanes, destroy our homes and cities.

In this passage, Gideon is hiding and afraid. He is without peace. Our hearts are often the same. We are overcome by our circumstances and feel that God has abandoned us.

Next, an angel of the Lord calls Gideon to save Israel from their oppressors. Gideon's fear and faltering faith are on full display. He asks for a sign. The angel of the Lord graciously grants his request and declares: "Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die." (vs. 23) The Lord gives us a similar promise: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: ... Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27)

The Lord is Peace. No matter what your circumstances are today, remember this: rest in His Almighty arms and let your heart be secure in His peace. He will never fail you or forsake you. (Joshua 5:1).

- Peter Verkaik



November 22nd

— EL SHADDAI —

The Patriarchs did not know God by the name Jehovah but by His name El-Shaddai – “God Almighty” (Exodus 6:2-3). Read Genesis 17:1-3 to see what Scripture reveals about El-Shaddai – “God Almighty.”

“El” is found 250 times in the Bible. The word “El” is the root of Elohim from which we get “mighty, power, omnipotence, the strong one.” It describes God as the strength giver to His people (Psalm 18:2; 68:35). The word “Shaddai” is translated 48 times in the Bible. It further describes God as “Almighty” (Job 8:3-5; Isaiah 13:16).

In Genesis 17, Abraham had taken matters into his own hands and by fleshly means had a son, Ishmael. Though God had promised a son to Abraham, he took matters into his own hands. We learn through this example that El-Shaddai needs no help from the works of man. Abraham and Sarah had to learn that what God promises, He will give. He needs no fleshly help.

Are we any different today? It is easy to push our agenda and ‘help God out.’ But He is El-Shaddai – God Almighty. He doesn’t need our help. He requires trust and obedience.

- Pastor Micah



November 23rd

JEHOVAH-SABBAOTH

1 Samuel 17:45

The name "Yahweh Sabaoth" is translated in English as "The LORD of Host," or "armies." The name "LORD of Host" speaks of God's power, His sovereign rule and reign over heaven and earth, all armies, earthly and spiritual.

David speaks the name of God in his response to Goliath in this passage. In the story, we read about the battle that David was about to face against Goliath, we see that the Philistine put his confidence in his sword, spear, and javelin, but David's weapon was the God of Heaven's armies! David fought in the name of the LORD of host, he trusted our all-powerful God to give the victory.

We, too, like David, will face battles or circumstances that might seem impossible to overcome but let us remember that "our help is in the name of the LORD" (Ps 124:8). The LORD of Host is with us, just as He was with David. He is the same God, who still fights for us, our protector and defender against the enemy.

Pray: LORD of Host, help me trust You with the battles that come my way and have faith that You will fight on my behalf.

- Joanne Figueroa



November 24th

JEHOVAH-M'KADDESH

Leviticus 20:7-8

Living a holy life is hard. The problem is, we are so unholy. When He rescued and redeemed His children out of Egypt, it had been a long time since they had lived unto the Lord. The book of Leviticus sets about showing the nation of Israel what it means to live a holy life. It has been well said that Exodus is God getting His children out of Egypt and Leviticus is God getting Egypt out of His children.

Our life, as a believer, has been sanctified, and set apart by God in and through Christ Jesus. We can, because of Christ in us, live the holy life we have been called to live. Living a holy life is not just living morally pure, it is living according to the purpose for which we have been saved. The good news is, that God keeps working in us, on us, and through us.

Through the Spirit, we produce the evidence of a holy life. We display the fruit of the Spirit as we surrender and submit to God's sanctifying work in our lives. A holy life is not produced through hard work but by faithful obedience. Through obedience, the world is worked out of us as God's Word, will, and ways are worked into us.

- Pastor Todd



November 25th

JEHOVAH JIREH

Abraham's biggest test came when God told him to go and sacrifice his son, his only son, the son whom he loved in Genesis 22. All of his life and all of his relationship with God has been about a promised offspring. It was finally here, and now God wanted him to go and sacrifice him on a mountain. On their journey up, his son Isaac asked, "Where is the sacrifice?" Abraham responded, "God will provide for himself a lamb." He obeyed through to the point of getting the knife ready to slay him, and God sent an angel to hold him back. This was all just a test.

Just then, Abraham noticed a ram with his thorns caught in a thicket. God indeed provided a sacrifice. Abraham did not need to sacrifice his son, his only son, the son whom he loved. This is when Abraham called the Lord, Jireh, the provider.

This was all foreshadowing the day when God would send His son, His only Son, the Son He loved, to be the ultimate sacrifice for us.

Our biggest need, atonement for sin, has already been provided by our God. He also continues to provide for our every need. We serve a trustworthy God who knows what we need, even when we don't and He provides.

- Pastor Nathan



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